

2260 Communication with the Public

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STATUS: ADOPTED

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Board Approved and Codified: March 17, 1986

Last Revised: June 19, 2013

Description:

The Board of Education acknowledges the right of citizens to full, objective and timely information, and the obligation of the Board to provide such information about its goals programs and policies.

The affairs of the school district are considered public unless specifically declared confidential.

Matters which are not dealt with in public include personnel reports (staff or students), property and contract negotiations, law enforcement, and situations requiring protection of the legitimate interest of the community.

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1. The Board will hold regular meetings of the Board in an open manner before assembled public and media.
2. The Board will make agendas available for regular meetings to persons in attendance and to groups and individuals requesting such agendas.
3. The Board will publish the deliberations and decisions of Board meetings by placing minutes of the regular meetings on the District website. Schools will download and provide minutes or provide access to a computer, upon request, for parents who do not have internet technology available.
4. The Board will develop, maintain and budget for regular community interactions and provide communication to the community regarding the activities of the school district and encourages each school in its jurisdiction to do the same.
5. The Board will assign a trustee to each school in order to liaise with the Parent Advisory Committee to promote positive three-way communication between home, school and the Board
6. The Superintendent will appoint a Communications Officer from among senior staff. The Communications Officer has the responsibility of preparing and distributing news releases to media outlets. All news releases that are prepared on behalf of the Board are to be approved by the Chairperson before being released to the media.
7. The Board will provide opportunities for the public to express their opinions regarding the programming and type of education they wish to have in their school district (eg: open houses, delegations to Board meetings, PAC meetings).